GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:567
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VIOLATION OF LAC BY CHINA
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cases of perceived violations of the LAC by China have come to the notice of the Government;

(b) if so, whether the ITBP Chief has recently brought several facts to the notice of the Government in this regard as reported in the Hindustan Times dated October 22, 2002;

(c) if so, the facts thereof; and?

(d) the steps taken by the Government to check violations of LAC by China?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 567 21.11.2002.

The resolution of boundary question between India and China is outstanding. The two sides also have differences in the perception of the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the India-China border areas. Both sides carry out patrolling activity as per their respective perception of the LAC. Chinese activities along the LAC are to be viewed in this context. Nevertheless, perceived violations of the LAC are taken up through diplomatic channels and at Border Personnel Meetings/Flag Meetings.

2. India and China have been discussing the boundary question in the framework of India-China Joint Working Group and the India-China Expert Group of Diplomatic and Military Officials. Both sides have reiterated the objective of seeking a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable settlement of the boundary question through dialogue. They are presently engaged in the exchange of maps for clarification and confirmation of the LAC. The maps showing the respective perceptions of the LAC in the Middle Sector have already been exchanged. Further, discussions have been continuing for clarification and confirmation of the LAC in the Western Sector and Eastern Sector. The Agreement on Maintenance of Peace and Tranquillity along the LAC in the India-China Border Areas (1993) and the Agreement on Confidence Building Measures in the Military Field along the LAC in the India-China Border Areas (1996) provide an institutional framework for the maintenance of peace and tranquillity in the border areas of the two countries.

3. Government remains vigilant and takes all necessary and appropriate measures to safeguard the sovereignty, territorial integrity and security of India.